



# Duluth Police Department



## 2025 Annual Report



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# Mission Statement

To provide a safe Duluth for all by strengthening relationships and serving in a respectful, caring, and selfless manner.

## Values

Fair  
Accountable  
Caring  
Transparent

## Core Beliefs

- We recognize that our authority comes from our social contract with the community.
- People will believe that we are there to serve them if we are kind, caring and compassionate, and our actions match our words.
- People will trust us if they believe we are protecting their rights.
- Every interaction leaves a lasting impression.
- The safety of both our community and officers are paramount.

## Message from Chief Mike Ceynowa

This Annual Report highlights the accomplishments, key statistics, and moments that capture our staff actively engaging with the community throughout 2025. It was a particularly busy and impactful year, defined by the introduction of innovative tools and technologies, along with expanded recruitment and retention efforts designed to strengthen our department for the future.

In 2025, officers were equipped with additional tools intended to enhance both the safety and overall wellbeing in the field. The implementation of red-dot sights, stop sticks, PIT maneuver, the Drone as First Responder program, Axon Draft One, and other emerging technologies marked a significant advancement in our operational capabilities. These enhancements required a considerable amount of commitment from our Training Unit, whose dedication ensured all staff were properly trained and prepared to use these tools effectively and efficiently.

Another major initiative launched in 2025 was our pursuit of accreditation through the Minnesota Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (MNLEAP). Accreditation is more than a badge of honor—it reflects our commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in service. This process reinforces our dedication to meeting and exceeding professional standards while continually evaluating and improving our policies, practices, and operations.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to working with and for our community to build a safe and thriving city for all. Public safety is not solely about enforcement; it is rooted in collaboration, innovation, and trust. By embracing best practices and operational efficiencies, we will continue to serve our community with professionalism, integrity, and care. Together, we can build a safer, stronger community.

-Chief Mike Ceynowa

# Comparable Statistics

## Calls for Service

2025 - 86,013  
2024 - 83,555

## Crimes Against Property

2025 - 3,994  
2024 - 4,028

## Crimes Against Persons

2025 - 826  
2024 - 870

## Crimes Against Society

2025 - 1,381  
2024 - 1,117

## All Other Reportable Offenses

2025 - 874  
2024 - 767

## Opioid-Related Overdose Fatalities

\*Task Force Area  
2025 - 19  
2024 - 28

For additional crime stats, go to our website.

# 2025 Statistics

## Drone

96 official deployments  
66.1 flight hours

## Staffing

130 Sworn Officers  
29 Professional Staff

## SURT

75 New Clients  
225 Total Clients

## Community Outreach

105 Community Events/Meetings attended

## CORE

123 New Clients  
189 Total Clients

## Task Force Seizures

\*Task Force Area

40 firearms

132 Arrests

15,951.55 grams of meth

1,554.5 grams of fentanyl

2,103.61 grams of cocaine powder

178 Search Warrants executed

## Bike Patrol

2,082 E-Bike Miles Rode  
684 Non E-Bike Miles Rode

# Continuous Improvement/Innovation



DPD expanded our recruitment efforts by wrapping a squad car to function as a mobile billboard, helping promote career opportunities wherever it travels.



An armored rescue vehicle was delivered, which is a state-of-the-art emergency response vehicle designed to provide ballistic protection and operational mobility in life-threatening situations.



The Duluth Police Foundation purchased state-of-the-art massage chairs and art work to allow staff a place to decompress, recharge, and reset from the demands of the job.



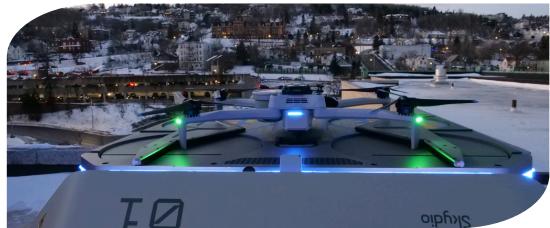
DPD's Tactical Response Team was renamed the Metro SWAT team.



DPD added Axon Draft One to streamline administrative tasks for officers.



DPD started our pursuit of accreditation through the MN Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.



DPD expanded our Drone as First Responder Program with the addition of two Skydio Drones.



Through a grant, DPD purchased a new 2026 EV Silverado, which will be utilized during MN Towards Zero Death traffic enforcement operations.



DPD purchased new firearms with red-dot sights.



Officer Shane McKee and his K9 Fitz were DPD's new K9 team in 2025.

# 2025 Highlights

The SURT team has worked with a young lady since 2019. She started using drugs at the age of 12 intravenously and was referred to SURT Program by her mother. She has overdosed two different times and been in and out of the St. Louis County Jail on many different occasions. In 2020 she was arrested and brought to jail, and through this incident she began to change, reaching out to SURT for help. SURT visited her at jail and a Chemical Dependency Assessment was done. This led to her being enrolled in treatment that she successfully completed and was enrolled as a participant of the St Louis County Recovery Court. From there she obtained housing, employment, and therapy. At 25 years old, she has been clean and sober for more than a year. She has employment, her own apartment, is no longer on probation, and graduated from the Recovery Court, with her whole family by her side. She is continuing to maintain her sobriety and has made more goals for herself that she wants to accomplish.

At approximately 2:40 p.m., Monday, September 15 Duluth Police responded to a possible burglary in progress in the 1200 block of East 4th Street. Officers on D-Crew and Investigators quickly responded and established a perimeter. A juvenile male fled the scene on foot and officers initiated a foot pursuit. He was arrested without incident. The juvenile male continued to give false names to officers. Upon further investigation into the juvenile's name, on Tuesday, September 16, Duluth Police Investigations Unit and Analysts learned that the juvenile was from Atlanta, Georgia and had a warrant out for his arrest for homicide, armed robbery, kidnapping, possession of a firearm, aggravated assault, hijacking of a motor vehicle, and theft. He was brought to Arrowhead Juvenile Center and awaited extradition back to Georgia. This incident shows the tremendous thorough work of all our staff coordinating together to identify a fugitive and to ensure the safety of our community.

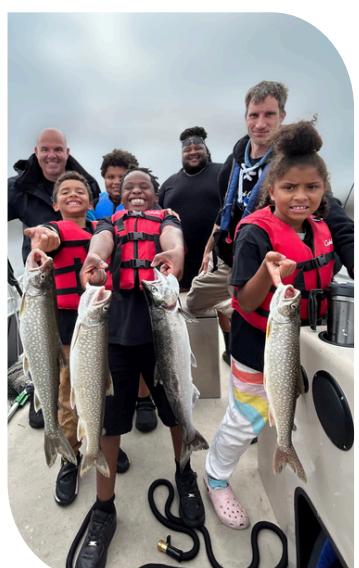
The Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force (LSVOTF) conducted an extensive investigation targeting members and associates of the Black P Stone street gang operating in the Duluth/Superior area. During the investigation, 24 arrests were made along with the seizing of \$28,609 in US currency, 330.2 grams of meth, 138.62 grams of fentanyl, and 79.33 grams of cocaine. This investigation underscores the continued commitment of law enforcement agencies to protecting our surrounding communities from violent offenders and the devastating impacts of illegal drugs.

The Duluth Police Department has been investigating multiple vehicle prowls that have occurred at numerous trailhead parking lots throughout the City of Duluth. A suspected individual was identified and an investigation into his whereabouts occurred. On Friday, February 7, Duluth Police Investigators arrested a 36-year-old male without incident for pending charges of Financial Card Fraud, Possession of Burglary Tools, Felony Theft, Motor Vehicle Tampering, and 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. While executing a search warrant, Officers also recovered multiple stolen items. Good work to members of the Duluth Police Department's Investigations Division for their extensive investigation into this case and holding him accountable for his actions.

CORE received a referral from patrol regarding a male who owned a firearm and was suicidal with a plan. The male did not want to speak with patrol but was willing to speak with CORE. A CORE officer and social worker made contact with the individual via phone and were able to provide him with information on mental health services. The individual denied thoughts of suicide at the time of the conversation but was willing to discuss how to safely store his firearm while dealing with suicidal thoughts. The male has since been connected with therapy and reports things are going better.

# 2026 Initiatives

- Recruit and retain highly qualified officers who reflect the community we serve
- Continue expanding our patrol-led drone program, including the Drone as First Responder initiative
- Collaborate with community members to foster a safe and welcoming environment for all
- Promote and highlight the outstanding police work our officers do every day
- Strategically utilize technology and initiatives to support effective, efficient, and modern policing



Thank you for reading the Duluth Police Department's 2025 Annual Report.  
We look forward to continuing to protect and serve with the citizens of Duluth  
for many years to come.



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